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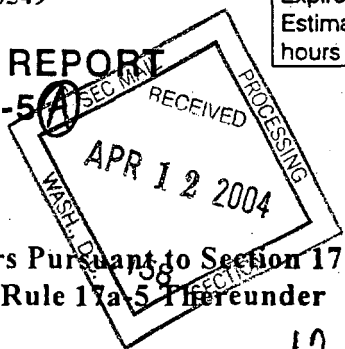
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Information Required of Brokers and Dealers Pursuant to Section 17 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 17a-5 Thereunder

REPORT FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING \_\_\_\_\_ AND ENDING 12/31/03  
MM/DD/YY MM/DD/YY

**A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION**

NAME OF BROKER-DEALER: Ballew Investments Inc.

ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS: (Do not use P.O. Box No.)

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FIRM I.D. NO.

(No. and Street)

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF PERSON TO CONTACT IN REGARD TO THIS REPORT

(Area Code - Telephone Number)

**B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION**

INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT whose opinion is contained in this Report\*

(Name - if individual, state last, first, middle name)

(Address)

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

CHECK ONE:

- ☐ Certified Public Accountant
- ☐ Public Accountant
- ☐ Accountant not resident in United States or any of its possessions.

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\*Claims for exemption from the requirement that the annual report be covered by the opinion of an independent public accountant must be supported by a statement of facts and circumstances relied on as the basis for the exemption. See Section 240.17a-5(e)(2)

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## OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I, \_\_\_\_\_, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of \_\_\_\_\_, as of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_, are true and correct. I further swear (or affirm) that neither the company nor any partner, proprietor, principal officer or director has any proprietary interest in any account classified solely as that of a customer, except as follows:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

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Title

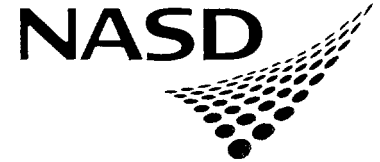
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This report \*\* contains (check all applicable boxes):

- ☐ (a) Facing Page.
- ☐ (b) Statement of Financial Condition.
- ☐ (c) Statement of Income (Loss).
- ☐ (d) Statement of Changes in Financial Condition.
- ☐ (e) Statement of Changes in Stockholders' Equity or Partners' or Sole Proprietors' Capital.
- ☐ (f) Statement of Changes in Liabilities Subordinated to Claims of Creditors.
- ☐ (g) Computation of Net Capital.
- ☐ (h) Computation for Determination of Reserve Requirements Pursuant to Rule 15c3-3.
- ☐ (i) Information Relating to the Possession or Control Requirements Under Rule 15c3-3.
- ☐ (j) A Reconciliation, including appropriate explanation of the Computation of Net Capital Under Rule 15c3-3 and the Computation for Determination of the Reserve Requirements Under Exhibit A of Rule 15c3-3.
- ☐ (k) A Reconciliation between the audited and unaudited Statements of Financial Condition with respect to methods of consolidation.
- ☐ (l) An Oath or Affirmation.
- ☐ (m) A copy of the SIPC Supplemental Report.
- ☐ (n) A report describing any material inadequacies found to exist or found to have existed since the date of the previous audit.

**\*\*For conditions of confidential treatment of certain portions of this filing, see section 240.17a-5(e)(3).**

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April 5, 2004

Mr. James A. Hurt, Jr.  
President and Director  
Ballew Investments, Inc.  
P.O. Box 14888  
Jackson, Mississippi 39236-4888



Dear Mr. Hurt:

This acknowledges receipt of your December 31, 2003 annual filing of audited financial statements made pursuant to U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) Rule 17a-5(d) (the Rule). The report as submitted appears deficient in that it did not contain the following:


A reconciliation to the original Focus filing including appropriate explanations of the audited computation of net capital and the broker-dealer's corresponding Unaudited Part II or IIA, if material differences existed, or if no material differences existed, a statement so stating.

Based on the above, your filing does not comply with the requirements of the Rule. The text of the Rule is reproduced in the *NASD Manual* under the section titled *SEC Rules & Regulation T*. We urge you to review the Rule with your independent accountant.

Pursuant to the provisions of NASD Rule 8210, we request that you send one copy of each item(s) listed above to this office and to the appropriate SEC regional or district office, and two copies to the SEC Washington, D.C. office. Your submissions must include a new completed Form X-17A-5 Part III Facing Page, a copy of which is enclosed for your convenience.

Please respond to this matter by April 19, 2004. Questions may be addressed to Steven M. Cervantes, Senior Compliance Examiner, at (504) 522-6527.

Sincerely,

  
Brian J. Hartmann  
Supervisor of Examiners

BJH/kr

Enclosure: Form X-17A-5 Part III Facing Page

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